

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2010**



The general meeting of March 8, 2010 was held at 10:00 a.m. at The Broad Stage, 1310 11th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

Present: Beasley, Arlene "Phoebe" Lesnik, Peter
 Benitez, Tomas Lyte, Marjorie
 Blanning, Ollie Reyes, Jesus
 Brooks, Aurelia Rosen, Ronald
 Galperson, Judy Ruano, Araceli
 Haagen, Betty Warschaw, Hope
 Karabian, Laurel Wyman, Rosalind

Absent: Clausen-Odenthal, Alis (excused)

Staff Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Present: Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
 Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions
 Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development
 Michael Pistone, Information Technology Manager

Also Present: Dale Franzen, Executive Director, Madison Project
 Jill C. Baldauf, Board Member, Madison Project
 Mitch Heskell, Chief Operating Officer, Madison Project
 Thomas McKenzie, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Madison Project
 Tracy Kelly, Executive Director, Art Share Los Angeles
 Quathryn Brehm, Vice-President, Art Share Los Angeles
 Evelyn Martinez, Student Board Member, Art Share Los Angeles
 Angie Castro, Arts Deputy, First District
 Luther Evans, Gain Program Division Chief, Department of Public and Social Services
 Cesar Cortes, Department of Public and Social Services

President Ruano called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Beasley, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the excused absences for the meeting of March 8, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Karabian, seconded by Commissioner Benitez, the minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

None.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Update

President Ruano invited the Department of Public and Social Services to make a presentation on the TANF program. Luther Evans, Gain Program Division Chief, gave an update on the county's subsidized jobs initiative (TANF) funded through the Federal ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) program. DPSS has partnered with the Arts Commission to notify arts organizations of this opportunity and to date 36 arts organizations have signed up to be work worksites and 25 individuals have been placed at arts organizations for employment.

Mr. Evans distributed informational materials about the program and the Web site www.employmentstimulus.org.

Commissioners requested a list of the arts organizations that have signed up for the TANF programs be sent to them.

Angie Castro, Arts Deputy for Supervisor Molina, asked Commissioners to consider this program as an option to support the arts internship program.

President's Items

President Ruano welcomed the presenters and thanked the Madison Project at The Broad Stage for hosting the Arts Commission.

OGP III Presentations

Dale Franzen, Executive Director of the Madison Project at The Broad Stage, welcomed the Commissioners to The Broad Stage and gave an overview of the organization and future programming. Jill Baldauf, Board Member, discussed board involvement and Thomas McKenzie, Education & Outreach Coordinator, reviewed educational initiatives and family programming. Mitch Hesel, Chief Operation Officer, answered budget questions by Commissioners.

Tracey Kelly, Executive Director of Arts Share Los Angeles, gave an overview of the organization and its various programs for artists, including exhibition and studio space. Quathryn Brehm, Vice President, discussed the community need for the organization in the downtown arts district and Evelyn Martinez, Student Board Member, discussed her experience with the organization.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, gave a budget update and reported the Arts Commission has submitted a budget request with a 9% reduction or \$575,000 which includes the elimination of the Holiday Celebration and cuts to the Organizational Grant and Arts Education programs. Ms. Zucker reminded Commissioners that this was in addition to elimination of the free concert and internship programs in FY09-10.

The proposal funding to the Arts Internship program for FY09/10 was continued to the March 16, 2010 Board meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Jesus Reyes, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the committee met on March 8, 2010 and nominated the following slate of officers for 2010/2011:

Ron Rosen, President
Ollie Blanning, Vice President
Aurelia Brooks, Secretary
Peter Lesnik, Executive Committee Member
Araceli Ruano, Immediate Past President

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruano, seconded by Commissioner Wyman, and unanimously approved, to approve the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee for the new term beginning on April 5, 2010.

Ford Master Plan Update

Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, reported the Ford is launching a master planning project with funds from the Third District and has selected architect Brenda Levin to lead the project.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Rosen invited Commissioners to join him for an installation breakfast on April 5, 2010 at 9:30 am prior to the next general meeting.

Commissioner Warschaw reported an Otis graduate, Ruben Ochoa, was featured in the LA Times Culture Monster on March 6, 2010.

Commissioner Reyes reported he attended the music program for students at the LA Phil highlighting works by Beethoven.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of March 8, 2010 was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, and unanimously approved.